

# BOOSTER CLUB

## CEO'S CORNER



July 2017 marked the 10th anniversary of AccuBoost's clinical launch. While celebrating the occasion, we reflected on 10 years of success in treating over 10,000 patients. Over the past decade, a steady focus on upgrades in equipment design has streamlined the procedure and resulted in significant improvements in both patient comfort and patients eligibility, while simultaneously reducing the treatment time.

This issue includes an interview with Linda Schuk, the first patient treated with AccuBoost; covers quotations from the field, welcomes new users and provides details plans to exhibit at this year's ASTRO meeting.

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## AccuBoost<sup>®</sup>

Celebrates a Decade of Success: Striving To Provide The Best Radiation Therapy Option To Breast Cancer Patients.

## ACCUBOOST WELCOMES NEW SITES



Cancer Centers of Northern Arizona Healthcare in Sedona, AZ



**Cancer Centers of Northern Arizona**, located in the scenic community of Sedona, is one of the latest sites that has joined the family of AccuBoost users. The effort at this site is spearheaded by David Beyer, MD. He is assisted by Frank Rafie, DSc, the Chief Physicist. Frank is an AccuBoost veteran with previous exposure to the



David Beyer, MD

technology.

In addition to delivering the boost phase of the external beam treatment, this site will make the APBI treatment option available to the patients, especially to those that live at some distance from the site and have transportation challenges to receive extended daily treatments.

Visit AccuBoost in Punta Cana!



## I FEEL CONFIDENT TREATING MY PATIENTS WITH ACCUBOOST

*"The AccuBoost team was a pleasure to work with. They provided me the support that I needed to get started. From the preparatory webinars to the onsite one-on-one support, I am comfortable and confident treating my patients with AccuBoost."*



**Daniella Dang, MD**  
Radiation Oncologist  
Willis-Knighton Health System  
Shreveport, LA

## TREATED 1<sup>ST</sup> ACCUBOOST PATIENT

*"I commend her [Linda] for laying the groundwork for the so many thousands of women that have followed her."*



**Bradley Prestidge, MD**  
Radiation Oncologist  
Bon Secours,  
Norfolk, VA

## ACCUBOOST REVIVED OUR BRACHYTHERAPY PROGRAM

*"AccuBoost has completely overhauled our declining brachytherapy program. We had occasions that we watched sources decay without use. What a difference AccuBoost can make in reviving the brachytherapy offering!"*



**John Chinault, MD**  
Chair of Radiation  
Oncology  
Mary Washington Hospital,  
Fredericksburg, VA

## ACCUBOOST WELCOMES NEW USERS



AccuBoost welcomes Daniella Dang, MD, who has recently joined the staff at Willis-Knighton Cancer Center in Shreveport, LA. Dr. Dang was quick to embrace the benefits of the AccuBoost procedure and is now routinely screening all of her patients for this treatment option.



From Left: Dr. Daniella Dang, MD, Krystal Jeffery, Co-Chief Therapist, Stephanie Hamm, Radiation Therapist, and Daniel Speir, Co-Chief Therapist at Willis-Knighton Cancer Center



Separately, AccuBoost welcomes the arrival of Michael Hall, MD, the new radiation oncologist at Northside Hospital in Macon, GA. Dr. Hall will lead the effort at the Coliseum Cancer Center, previously operated as part of Atlanta Oncology Associates, now managed by Northside Hospital. Dr.

Hall is a brachytherapy enthusiast; he awaits final credentialing to begin offering the AccuBoost procedure.



Michael Hall, MD

## LINDA SCHUK IS ALIVE AND WELL, LIVING IN SAN ANTONIO.....



Linda Schuk: 1<sup>st</sup> AccuBoost Patient and a 10 Year Breast Cancer Survivor

July was a significant milestone, as it was the 10th anniversary of the first patient receiving the AccuBoost treatment. It seems only like yesterday that in July 2007 Linda Schuk, an energetic 61 year paralegal, visited the Texas Cancer Clinic in San Antonio to start her course of radiation therapy with AccuBoost. She was diagnosed with breast cancer the year before and had gone through two episodes of surgery to completely remove the cancerous tissue.

Fast forward to July 2017, Linda is still living in San Antonio. She is cancer-free and is enjoying simple pleasures of life such as attending her grandson's high school graduation.

As a ten year cancer survivor, Linda believes that

## INTERVIEW WITH LINDA (CONT.)

there are valuable lessons to share with other women embarking on a similar journey. With that objective in mind, she agreed to sit down for an interview:

**Q: It takes some courage to be the first person to be treated with a new technology. Can you tell us what it was like to volunteer to be the first?**

**A:** The minute that I learned that the procedure directs radiation to the intended site and avoids exposure to the surrounding tissue, I knew that this technology was right for me.

**Q: Any thoughts about the team of healthcare providers that helped you and guided you through the treatment.**

**A:** I am lucky that I lived in San Antonio and had access to the best healthcare professionals. Dr. Brad Prestige and his staff were the best. I felt privileged to be offered to be treated with AccuBoost.

**Q: It has been a while since your treatment, do you remember the experience? Can you share what the treatment felt like?**

**A:** There is something about fighting cancer that stays with you and you don't forget. I recall that the treatment was not bad at all. Although I had prepared myself for worse, I did not find the treatment to be uncomfortable. The pressure was nowhere near

the ordinary mammogram. It was about half. I recommend it to all women. I feel sorry for those who don't have access to this procedure. I wish you could hurry up and make AccuBoost available for all women - everywhere.

*"I wish you could hurry up and make AccuBoost available for all women. Everywhere!" - Linda Schuk*



Linda with family at her grandson's high school graduation.

**Q: Do you have any message for women your age?**

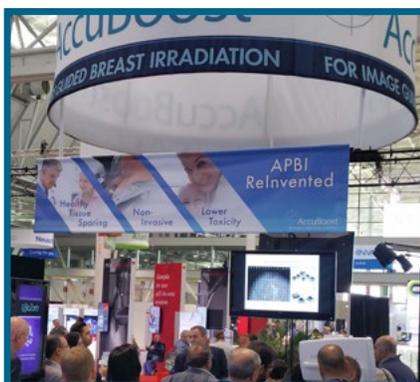
**A:** Make sure you get your yearly mammograms. Don't put it off! Don't allow the discomfort dissuade you. Thanks to routine mammogram, my breast cancer was discovered early and I got a second chance to live.

**Q: Tell us about the look and feel of the breast. Are you pleased with the cosmetic outcome?**

**A:** The treated breast is a little more tender than the other one - but nothing that I complain about. I am thrilled with the appearance, as people around me cannot tell that I have had breast cancer.

**Q: Anything else to share?**

**A:** My heart goes out to women who don't have access to this [AccuBoost] technology.



## ACCUBOOST EXHIBITS AT ASTRO 2017

This is the 11th consecutive year that AccuBoost is participating in the American Society for Radiation Oncology Annual Conference. This year's ASTRO, Sept. 24-26, is in San Diego. AccuBoost's sizeable booth (#2909) is in a hard to miss, central location on the exhibit floor. In addition to showcasing the latest hardware AccuBoost has again organized a series of in-booth clinical presentations that will allow newcomers to learn from the experience of experts in the field. The schedule for the in-booth presentations is shown on the next page.

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## ACCUBOOST AT ASTRO 2017 (CONT.)

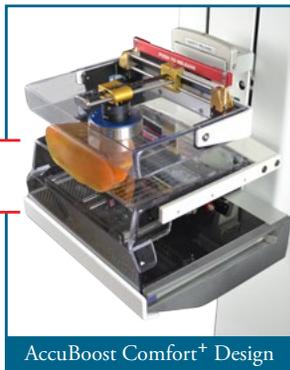
### AccuBoost in-Booth (# 2909) Presentations

Date	Day	Time	Presenter	Topic
24-Sep	Sunday	3:00	Jarek Hepel	Non-Invasive APBI - Updates and Future Directions
25-Sep	Monday	11:00	Scot Ackerman*	Lessons From A Decade of Treatments
25-Sep	Monday	1:30	Anand Kuruvilla	Optimizing The AccuBoost Patient Experience
26-Sep	Tuesday	11:00	Erich Randolph	AccuBoost In A Freestanding Center

\*Talk will be at Bionix Radiation Therapy's Booth #2717

## ACCUBOOST COMFORT PLUS UPGRADE

As part of the constant effort to improve the equipment, the AccuBoost team has redesigned the lower positioning device.



Reduced Height

AccuBoost Comfort+ Design

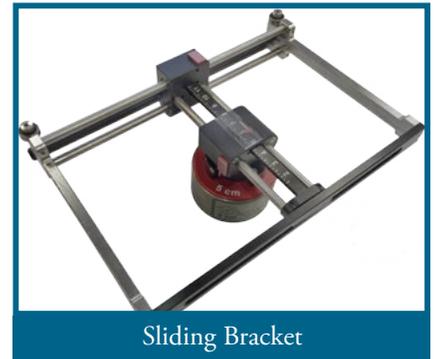
The new design, known as Comfort Plus, provides several inches of additional space between the

compression plates and patient's thigh, facilitating treatment of overweight patients, or those with shorter torsos. The new design easily accommodates the thigh or stomach of the patients while sitting down. In addition, it allows for a more comfortable sitting position for the patient during the treatment, hence the designation of "comfort" in the nomenclature.

The Comfort Plus design has completely overhauled the awkward method for attachment of the lower positioning accessory that was cumbersome from some therapists. In the new design, the applicator is mounted on a sliding bracket – that

is inserted in place with a slight push of a finger.

The new hardware is included in all new installations and is gradually replacing the older design at existing sites.



Sliding Bracket

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